

HOUSE No. 132

By Mr. Hall of Westford, petition of Geoffrey D. Hall and others
for legislation to require proper identification to election officers prior
to voting. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Geoffrey D. Hall Rose Marie Koester
Steven C. Panagiotakos

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE PRESENTATION OF IDENTIFICATION FOR VOTING.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Offi-
2 cial Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 76B and
3 inserting in place thereof the following new section:
4 Section 76B. Any person desiring to vote in an election in the
5 Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall provide the election
6 officer at the polling place information confirming their identity.
7 Such information may include, but shall not be limited to, a valid
8 driver's license, birth certificate, fishing or hunting license, stu-
9 dent identification card from a post-secondary education institu-
10 tion in the Commonwealth or such other documentation which
11 establishes the applicant's identity, age and residency.
12 Any person failing to provide the proper identification and
13 information requested by an election officer shall be permitted to
14 vote; provided, however, that the ballot shall be kept separate and
15 such person's right to vote may be challenged under section
16 eighty-five.